

## ABSTRACT

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3 Methods are provided for preventing a cellular immune response to a pre-selected antigen by ex  
4 vivo or *in vivo* methods whereby dendritic cell maturation is permitted to occur in the absence of  
5 effective CD4+ T cell help. Under these conditions, elimination of cytotoxic T cells is achieved.  
6 The methods may be used for the prophylaxis of an undesired immune response to an  
7 autoimmune disease antigen, a transplant antigen, or reducing an exaggerated immune response  
8 to a antigen.